

Articles of Impeachment

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Transcendent Crimes, Injuries, Mis-
demeanours, Oppressions, and high
Breach of TRUST,

COMMITTED BY

Col. Philip Jones :

EXHIBITED

By Mr. Bledry Morgan;

AND READ IN

PARLIAMENT:

The 18th of May, 1659.

Together with Col. Philip Jones's
Answer thereunto.

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TO
The Supream Authority of the
NATION,
*The Parliament of the Common-
wealth of England.*

The Humble Petition of Bledry Morgan, Gent.

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner out of the great sense of the suffering of himself, and many of the Inhabitants of South-Wales by the Greatness and Potency of Col. Philip Jones, and the Oppressions used and practised by the said Colonel, and his adherents in those Parts, do Cry for Publique Justice, being so hainous and grievous; that your Petitioner and others oppressed, have no way to be relieved herein, but by Your Honours Justice.

wherefore your Petitioner in the behalf of himself and others oppressed; humbly presents the Annexed to this Honourable Parliament; And humbly prayeth, That such effectuell proceeding may be had thereupon, whereby the Grievances complained of may be redressed, your Petitioner and the rest relieved, and the Offender Exemplarily punished, as to your Grace wisdoms shall seem meet.

*Articles of Transcendent Crimes,
Injuries, Misdemeanours, Op-
pressions, and High Breach of
Trust, committed by Col. Philip
Jones; Exhibited by Mr. Ble-
dry Morgan, and read in Par-
liament the 18, of May, 1659.*

I.

THat the said Col. Philip Jones, for about Ten Years last past, appeared the chief & only man to recommend and bring in persons to all places of Authority, Profit, or Trust, Ecclesiastical, Military, or Civil, in South-Wales; being a Privie Councillour to the late Protector, for about five years last past, and had the chief Governance and Superintendency of all publique affairs in South-Wales, under the said Protector; who, contrary to the several Ordinances and Acts of this Parliament, for making of Delinquents incapable to bear Offices, recommended, nominated, and brought into Authority there, divers notorious Cavaliers in Arms, Compounded Delinquents, and other dis-

affected persons; A List of divers of whose Names is hereunto annexed.

II.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones* caused to be put out of Authority, and discountenanced divers honest, godly, well-affected persons to the Publique Cause and Interest of the Nation, upon private Accompts, and for some sinister ends; particularly, Captain *Richard Castles*, *Edward Rumsey Esq;* *Thomas Morgan Esq;* and divers others; and also discountenanced and suppressed divers Complaints against *Malignants*, *Irish Papist*, *Scandalous*, and *Blasphemous Persons* in Authority; particularly, on the Complaint of Capt. *Richard Castles*.

III.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones* procured an Order from the late Protector, to stay prosecution against *Henry Vaughan Esq;* called *Sir Henry Vaughan*, at *Worcester house*, and afterwards procured him a Pardon from the late Protector; he the said *Henry Vaughan* being excepted from Pardon by several Acts of Parliament, and one of the *Grand Delinquents of Southwales*. The *Malignants* and *Delinquents* being sensible of his Friendship declared a Resolution to protect his Person and Estate, if *Charles Stuart* and his party should prevail. And the said *Sir Henry Vaughan* did allow 60 li. per annum, out of the *Sequestred Tythes of Pembrey*, to *Jane*, Wife of *William John*, *David Griffith*, & Sister to the said Col. *Jones*, and a horse worth 20 li. upon the

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the said Col. *Philip Jones*, in lieu of his Courtesies
aforesaid.

I V.

That the said *Philip Jones* did by himself, and his
Officers and Souldiers, force divers well affected persons
to pay several Sums of Money towards the 25000 li.
Mulet, imposed on *South-wales*, by the Act of the 22.
of February, 1648. contrary to the Tenour of the said
Act; particularly, *Edward Rumsey* Esquire, Captain
Seis, and divers others; and spared one *Walter Lloid*,
a person excepted in the said Act; Declaring, that
another *Walter Lloid* was thereby meant; which he
did, in consideration of the said *Walter Lloid's* assist-
ance, in getting into his custody the Deeds, Evidences,
and writings, of *Rees Lloid*: The possession of whose
Lands, the said Col. *Philip Jones* indirectly gained for
his Mother in Law *Elizabeth Price*, and ever since de-
tained by the practice aforesaid the possession therof,
being of the value of 80 li. per annum.

V.

That the said *Philip Jones*, by himself, his Officers
and Souldiers, and others by him Commissionated,
did, during most of the time aforesaid, in an Arbitrary
and Illegal manner, levie and force the payment of se-
veral Sums of Money, and took Free Quarter from the
Inhabitants of *Southwales*, and County of *Monmouth*.

That

VI.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones*, by himself, and his Officers and Souldiers, did in like *arbitrary and illegal manner*, assault and wrongfully imprison, divers of the *Inhabitants* well-affected of those parts, and kept them in his Garrison of *Cardiff*, and elsewhere, *without any Charge or Legal Trial or proceedings against them*, until some of them were discharged by Order of his Superiours, and others discharged at his own will and pleasure; particularly, *Richard Jones, Thomas Lloyd, Morgan Lloyd, Morgan Jenkins, William Williams, Thomas Williams, Thomas Bowen, Thomas Lewis, Owen Price*, and others.

VII.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones*, by his Officers and Souldiers, and by his direction and appointment, did by *Menaces, Fraud, and Force*, wrongfully and unwarrantably take away the Possessions, Deeds, Evidencies, and Estates, Real and Personal, of divers of the *Inhabitants* of *Southwales*, and kept and disposed the same at his own *Arbitrary will and pleasure*, whereby many Families are ruined by his Oppression; and also bought several *Broken Titles (pendente Lite)* thereby to discountenance and oppress the true and Legal Owners by his potency; as particularly, in the Cases of *Rees Lloyd, Elizabeth Griffith, Christopher Baker, Doctor Nicholas Chapel, John Harris, Mrs. Lougher, Owen David, William Lloyd of Parland, John Walter, George Dowle, Philip Bynon, Edward Maunsel, Elizabeth Maunsel, Rob. Vaughan*,
Thomas

Thomas Lloyd, Hugh Hughes, George Lucas, David Morgan, Mathew William, Lewis Morgan, and Margaret his Wife, and others.

VIII.

That the said Col. Philip Jones hath written Letters to Magistrates, to pervert Justice, and sided and countenanced Causes depending in Courts of Justice, as well Criminal as Civil; particularly, in the Cases of David Morgan, Thomas Roberts, Lewes Morgan, Morgan Vaughan, Lewelyn Rogers, George Dowle, Thomas Lloyd, Nathaniel Hancock, John Gunter, and others, which he practised since he became a Privie Councillour to the late Protector.

IX.

That the said Col. Philip Jones hath countenanced and protected, and procured to be unduly and illegally enlarged, divers Murderers and Perjurers; particularly concerning the murdering of Roger Price of the County of Brecon, Edward Gamadge of the County of Glamorgan, Thomas Games, convicted of perjury, and others.

X.

That the said Col. Philip Jones, by himself, his Officers and Souldiers, did threaten several Counsellours, Attorneyes, and Sollicitors, for dealing in particular Causes, Civil and Criminal; particularly Edward Freeman Esq; Thomas Arden Esq; Robert Stratford Gent. John Gunter Gent. and others, tending to the obstructing of the due Course of Justice.

That

That the said Col. *Philip Jones* hath unduly and for sinister ends, procured several Pardons from the late Protector, for several Felonies; particularly, in the Case of *William Morgan*, and others; And likewise procured a pardon from the said Protector, for several Fines imposed on *Meredith Lewes Esq;* and drawn down in Charge to the great Roll of the Pipe in the Exchequer, amounting to 200 li. for Contemning the same Court, to the lessening and diminishing of the publique Casual Revenue, to the obstruction of justice, and encouragement of like Offenders.

XII.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones* procured to be Enlarged several persons Imprisoned for defrauding the publique Revenues, particularly *Thomas Games*, who as Treasurer defrauded the County of *Brecon* of 588 l. odd money; *John Lewes*, who being Treasurer for the County of *Carmarthen*, defrauded the same County of 800 l. with which sums of Moneys the said respective Counties were doubly Charged, and forced to pay the same: The said *John Lewes* and *Thomas Games* averring, That the said Col. *Philip Jones* had received most of the said moneys.

XIII.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones* as Privy Counsellour and otherwise, did falsifie and violate the Trust in him reposed, more particularly,
That the said Col. *Philip Jones* being the chief person

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son Intrusted by this Parliament in the *Act of the 23.*
of February, 1649, with the Receiving of the Eccle-
siasticall Revenue in South-Wales and County of Mon-
mouth, Sequestred, or Sequestrable, estimated to be
20000 l. per annum, received for 9. years last past,
did use all possible means to *Obstruēt* a due Account
thereof, and Imprisoned, Displaced, and Discountenanced
divers well-affected persons, who petitioned for, and
desired an Account of the Revenue might be made.
And at last being a Privy-Councillour, intending for
ever to smother those Accompts, procured an Ordinance
of the late Protector, and his Council, of the 29th of Au-
gust, 1654. to Commissioners of his own Nomination;
five whereof in a *Clandestine* manner take the Account
of seven Counties at Swanzey and Neath in one day, on
the Credits of the Accomptants, and gave them dis-
charges; which Ordinance was in the next Assem-
bly Confirmed, at the Instance of the said Colonel and
other Accomptants.

That the said Col. Philip Jones having for severall
years Acted as one of the Committees of Glamorgan, and
as one of the Committees of the Association of South-Wales
and Gloucester, and himself, his Friends and Relations
lyable to a just Account for the Sequestred Estates there;
And finding Roger Havard, Esq; John Gunter, and
William Thomas, Sub-Commissioners of Sequestration in
the County of Brecon, to be diligent in the examin-
ing of the Arrears of that Revenue unaccompted for, he
did procure them to be Removed, Notwithstanding
they had doubly Advanced that Revenue there, obstruēt
the issuing forth the Commissions to other well-affected
and faithfull persons in other Counties; and instead
thereof, Recommended others of his Friends and Rela-
tions to be Commissioners; and amongst them, such as

lore Arms for the late *King* against the *Parliament*; By which means, a due *Accompt* of that *Revenue* is not to this day *rendred*.

And also the said *Col. Philip Jones* hath been *unfaithfull* in the *Trust* reposed in him as one of the *Surveyors* of the *Poor Knights of Windsor*, particularly in the *Lease* of the *Tythes* of *Abergivilly*, worth 300 l. *per annum* granted to *John Price* the said *Colonel Jones's* Brother in Law, for 150 l. being 100 l. lesse then the *Parishioners* by *Mr. David Morgans* offered for the same.

XIV.

That the said *Col. Philip Jones* by himself, his *Officers*, and *Souldiers*, seized upon one *Ship* in the year 1649, cast upon the *Coast* of *Glamorganshire*, being richly laden with *Plate*, *Jewels*, and other rich *Commodities* valued at 20000. at least; and converted the same to his *Own Use*, and no due *Accompt* thereof given to the *Common-wealth*; and also disposed of the *Lead* that covered the *Cathedrall* of *St. Davids*, valued at 300 l. to his *Own Use*. All which rendereth to the great *defrauding* of the *Common-wealth*, and against the great *Trust* reposed in the said *Col. Jones*.

XV.

That the said *Colonel Philip Jones*, contrary to the *Trust* reposed in him, hath *corruptly* received and taken divers *rewards*, *bribes*, and *gratuities*; particularly of the *Portugal Merchants*, and of divers others several other great sums.

XVI.

That the said *Col. Philip Jones* having procured to be commissioned divers *Malignants*, *Delinquents*, & other disaffected persons in *South-Wales*, as *Sheriffs*, *Justices*,

ces, *Commissioners* of the Monthly-*Assessments*, &c. who in respect of their guilt and incapacity, are ready to obey the arbitrary will and pleasure of the said *Colonel*. That the said *Colonel* hath, by his Letters and private Instructions, monopolized & ingrossed to himself the sole nomination and recommendation of Members to serve in the several Assemblies held for six years last past, and deprived the Inhabitants of their just Rights and Freedoms of *Elections*: which *Malignants*, with the assistance of the *Souldiers* there under the command of the said *Colonel*, have committed divers assaults and insolencies against the free *Electors*, to the great disturbance of the publique peace.

XVII.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones* having procured several *Military Commands* under the *Parliament*, refused, neglected, and waved all personal *Advantages* to resist or destroy the *Enemy*, and upon all occasions Deported himself very Cowardly, particularly at *Cardiff*, *Ely Bridge*, *St. Fagons*, and on the Late *Invasion* of *Charles Stuart*, contrary to the *Honour* and *Duty* of a *Souldier*, and the great trust in him reposed; and contrary to good *Conscience*, to Receive pay for those *Services* that his *Courage* or *Fidelity* durst never Attempt. Though few or none of those that spent their blood and time in asserting the publique Cause of the *Nation*, can shew the like *Improvement* of *Estate*, having in or about 10 years time, brought 8 l. per annum, to about 5000 l. per annum. He the said *Philip Jones* having no *Trade* to Increase his fortune, nor any visible lawfull honest means to accomplish the same, saving the 1000 l. per annum *Stipend* as a *Privy Councillour*; which he did yearly expend with an over-plus in the support of himself and his *Family*, who lived at Excessive high Rates.

XVIII.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones* had for about 10 years last past by himself and his *Agents*, the Custody of the *Original Seals* of *Glamorgan, Brecon, and Radnor*, and receiving of the *Pre-Fines* and *Post-Fines*, being worth 300 l. a year; and granted by the late King to the Earl of *Carbery*, a *Delinquent*; who by reason of his *Delinquency*, had forfeited the same, and *unable to bear Offices*. But the said Colonel, to defeat and defraud the State of the same, *Combined* and *Concluded* with the said Earl of *Carbery*, for the *Interest* of the said Earl to the said 3. Counties: And the other 3. Counties of *Pembroke, Carmarthen, and Cardigan*, granted in the same Grant to the said Earl, The said Earl, by the *Protection* of the said Colonel by his *Farmers & Agents*, enjoys the same quietly; upon which *Pattent*, the Rent of about 140 l. *per annum* is reserved; And nothing Answered this 10 years and upwards to the State; which amounts to 1400 l. received by the said Colonel and his *Agents*: besides, he being a *Committee-man*, to *Conceal* the *Right* and *Interest* of the *Commonwealth* for *Self-Advantage*, was against the *Instructions* and *Ordinances* of *Parliament*, and *Contrary* to the *Duty* of his *Place*.

XIX.

That the said Col. *Philip Jones*, by himself, his *Officers* and *Souldiers*, and others brought into *Authority* by his *procurement*, have *disarmed* the *Country*, and amongst them, many *faithfull well-affected persons*, and kept and still detained their *Arms, Horses, and Moneys* *Contributed* towards the *Militia* there; which they have not restored, but disposed thereof to their own private and *Respective Uses*.

That the said Col. Philip Jones endeavoured to Suborn several persons to testify several false accusations against Col. Edward Freeman, and by several Agents and persons in Command under him, did break open several Houses and Chambers, to search for Letters written by Col. Freeman to particular persons on private occasions. And the said Col. Jones did threaten to banish Mr. John Gunter to Jamaica, for Solliciting lawfull Suits, and Discoveries of publique Frauds against the said Col. Jones, his Friends and Relations. And the better to terrifie and deterr him therein, the said Col. Jones did falsely accuse the said John Gunter with High Treason, but never brought him to Tryall. And afterwards to justify and clear this false Accusation, and to endanger the life and Estate of the said John Gunter, one Thomas Games, a person Convicted of perjury, and an Instrument of the said Colonel, did not onely Commit Perjury, but suborned Rees ap Evan to commit perjury against the said John Gunter, before Major General Dawkins, and other Commissioners for Decimation, and endeavoured to Suborn one William Vaughan to joyn with them in this Confederacy and Conspiracy; whereof one of them was Indicted, the perjury discovered, and the Innocency of the said John Gunter cleared before the said Commissioners.

Bledry Morgan.

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*The Names of the Delinquents implied in the Charge foregoing,
for the County of Carmarthen.*

Robard Earl of Carbury, who being intrusted by the Parliament as Lord Lieutenant of the Militia, became General of the Forces there raised for the King against the Parliament; and now one of the Common-Council in the County Borough of Carmarthen. And

Henry Vaughan Esq; otherwise called Sir *Henry Vaughan*, a Member of this Parliament, who deserted his Trust, late at the *Junco* at *Oxford*, was taken in the field fighting against the Parliament; one of the Common-Council of the said County-Borough; Both persons of great Estates living in that County; and who never Compounded for their Delinquency to this day; and who by their Kindred and Servants Commissionated as under-written, do rule that Countrey as absolutely as ever they did under the late King; who have expressed that by way of return to Colonel *Philip Jones*, and Colonel *Dawkins*, for their many Favours done them, they will (if ever *Charles Stuart's* party prevail) protect them and their Estates.

Bennet Hoskins, Esq; one of the Justices of the great Sessions for that County, and a Member of this present Parliament, who was a Commissioner of a Array, and violently acted for the late King against the Parliament, and for his Delinquency was suspended from this Parliament; and being conscious of his own guilt, hath withdrawn himself from the late Assembly.

Edmund Jones, Esq; lately expelled from this House, Attorney-General of *South-Wales*, Recorder of the Towns of *Carmarthen*, *Brecon*, and *Radnor*, Justice of the Peace for the said Towns and Counties, and Commissioner of the Assessments; yet was heretofore a Commissioner of Array in actual Arms for the King against the Parliament, and chief Agent for the Popish party and Garrison at *Ragland*, and a Compounder of Record at *Goldsmiths-Hall*.

John Vaughan of *Llanely* Esq; High-Sheriff of the County, and Commissioner of the Assessments; a Compounded Delinquent, in Arms in the First and Second War against the Parliament.

John Lloyd, Under-Sheriff, and Deputy-Clerk of the Peace under the said Colonel *Philip Jones* his brother, and Deputy Chamberlain and Chancellor, and Keeper of the Original Seal; Yet a Compounded Delinquent, in Arms in the First and Second War against the Parliament.

John Vaughan of *Drillis* Esq; Sheriff of the Town of *Carmarthen*, Justice of the Peace, and Commissioner of the monethly Assessments; was in Arms in the First and Second War against the Parliament.

Henry Middleton Esquire,

Henry Vaughan of *Place*

Gwyn Esq;

John Lewis Esq;

Now Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Assessments; heretofore Commissioners of Array; and *Henry Middleton*, a Compounded Delinquent,

David Edwards Esq; } Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the
Morgan Jones Esq; } Assessments; in actuall Arms in the First and
 Second War against the Parliament.
William Lloyd Esq; } Commissioners of the Assessments, in actuall
Richard Prothero Esq; } Arms in the First and Second War against
Jenkin Dawkins, Esq; } the Parliament.
Charles Gwyn Esq; Now a Justice of Peace, and Commissioner of the
 Monthly Assessments, heretofore Sequestred for his Delinquency, and active
 for the late King and his Party.
Thomas Lloyd of Dan-yr-allt, a Delinquent in Arms in the first and second
 War; yet lately High-Sheriff of that County.

Glamorgan-shire.

Thomas Hughes, formerly a Commissioner of Array, and active for the late King, now Prothonotary of the great Sessions for *Glamorgan, Brecon,* and *Radnor.*

Charles Hugh, Formerly a Maior, in Arms for the late King, now Clerk of Assize, or Secondary in the said Great Sessions.

John Gibbs Esq; a person Popishly affected, an Enemy to the Godly Party, formerly a Commissioner of Array, and aided the King, now a Justice of Peace there.

David Evans Esq; A disaffected person, a vitious man, that ayded the late King and his party, and an Enemy to the godly; now a Justice of Peace.

Robert Williams, in Arms for the late King, and assisted his party, and an Enemy to the godly party.

The particular Names of the Malignant Officers, implied in the precedent Articles for the County of Cardigan.

First, *Bennet Hoskins,* one of the now Judges itinerant for this County, was an active Commissioner of Array, and of Association for the late King against the Parliament; and upon the Vote of this Parliament, that Malignants should withdraw from Sitting in this Parliament, he did withdraw accordingly.

2. *Edmund Jones,* Attorney-General for the Common-wealth, and a Justice of Peace for that County heretofore a Commissioner of Array, a Compounder at Goldsmiths Hall for Delinquency, and turned out of the last Assembly, from being a Member of this, or future Parliaments, for his Delinquency.

3. *Thomas Evans,* late High-Sheriff for the said County, and Justice of the Peace,

Peace, personally engaged in Arms for the King, in the last and second Wars against the Parliament, and heretofore a Justice of the Peace, and a Chamberlain of the Household, was an Officer in Arms in the second Wars for the King against the Parliament, to wit, *John Lloyd*, late High Sheriff, and now a Justice of the Peace, heretofore a Commissioner of Array, and High Sheriff for the King against the Parliament, by virtue of the Great Seal of Oxford, *Richard Stephens*, now a Justice of the Peace, heretofore a Licentiate, for the King against the Parliament, under the Lord of *Chesham*, *Thomas Parry*, late Sheriff, now a Justice of the Peace, and heretofore an Adherer and Assister of the Kings Forces against the Parliament, *John Lloyd*, late Sheriff, and Justice of the Peace, and Assister of the King with Horses, Men, and Money.

9. *Thomas Lloyd*, late Sheriff, and heretofore a Sheriff for two years for the King against the Parliament, by virtue of the Great Seal of Oxford.

May the 23. 1658.

Col. Philip Jones a Member of this House, according to former Order, standing up in this place, made Answer to the Petition of *Bledy Morgan* Gent. and to the Articles to the said Petition annexed, denied the Particulars, and cleared himself; And desired, That this House would be pleased to put the Business into a speedy Way of Examination. Ordered, That this Petition of *Bledy Morgan*, and the Articles thereunto annexed, be referred to a Committee to Examine Witnesses upon Oath, on the matter of Fact, and state the same, and Report to this House.

The Names of the Committee.

Sir Henry Vane,	Mr. Crompian,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Canby,	Mr. Challenger,	Mr. Fagg,
Mr. Robinson,	Col. Bennet,	Col. Temple,
Col. Sidney,	Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Palmer,
Col. Pine,	Mr. Reynolds,	Sir Hen. Mildmay,
Col. White,	Mr. Desbriere,	Col. Rich,
Col. White,	Mr. Hay,	Mr. Holland,
Mr. Wild,	Col. Marlyn,	Lo. Ch. Baron Wild,
Mr. Say,	Col. Marley,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Corbet,	Mr. Lister,	Col. Warrin,
Baron Nicholas		

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